



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: DW -8J

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2002
SUBJECT: Funding for Solid Waste Projects
FROM: Dolly Tong, Tribal Coordinator
Pollution Prevention & Program Initiatives Section
TO: Tribal Environmental Contacts

EPA Region 5 is now soliciting proposals from Tribes for solid waste projects for Fiscal Year 2002 Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Grant Funding. The full description of the grant program is on the back. EPA gives primary consideration to Tribes whose proposals reflect priorities stated in their respective Tribal Environmental Agreements, which address an immediate environmental health risk, and/or did not receive funding from last Fiscal Year. The deadline for proposals is **March 14, 2002**.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss project ideas, please feel free to call me at 312-886-1019.

Also enclosed is a list of tribal solid waste grants awarded in Fiscal Year 2001.

Enclosures

cc: Steve Dodge
Ed Fairbanks
Jenny Manville

**U.S. EPA REGION 5
TRIBAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 66.808

PURPOSE: To assist Tribes in achieving sound management of solid waste and promote compliance with the provisions of RCRA Subtitle D. This grant program is the chief mechanism to support solid waste priorities agreed upon between EPA Region 5 and Tribes in their respective Tribal Environmental Agreements (TEAs). The statutory authority for these grants is found in Section 8001 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended (Public Law 94-580, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq).

REGIONAL CONTACT: Dolly Tong, phone (312) 886-1019, fax (312) 353-4788, e-mail <tong.dolly@epa.gov>

ALLOWABLE PROJECTS: Projects can include training, surveys, public education programs, studies, and demonstrations. Funds may not be used for capital equipment or construction costs.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Region 5 Indian Tribes and Tribal Consortia. Initial consideration is given to those Tribes whose projects reflect solid waste priorities stated in their respective TEAs, which address an immediate environmental health risk, and/or did not receive funding from Fiscal Year 2001.

MATCHING REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must provide a minimum of 5 percent of the total project costs. Please note that the match is calculated on the total project cost, not the Federal share of the project. The match can be provided through in-kind contributions (which can be fully documented) and/or cash.

LENGTH OF FUNDING ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING AMOUNTS: Grant projects are normally funded for 1-2 years. Project periods can be adjusted as necessary. Funds available for this grant program vary from year to year. However, grants are generally issued for less than \$50,000.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: E-mail or fax 1-2 page proposals to Dolly Tong by **March 14, 2002**. The project proposal should include a brief summary of the project, time line of activities, plans for measuring progress, budget breakdown and Federal funding needed. Invited applicants will be notified to submit final grant applications. Review/approval of the application typically takes 60 days from the date submitted, and grants will be awarded no later than October 1, 2002.